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SUBJ: CONSULAR PACKAGE - FY - 1979

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SCHEDULE I - IMMIGRANT VISAS(EA/EX, AUSTRALIA, MELBOURNE)

NO IVS ARE ISSUED AT THIS POST. HOWEVER, APPROXIMATELY 10 TO
15 MAN-HOURS PER WEEK ARE RELATED TO IV FUNCTIONS SUCH AS APPROVING
PETITIONS, PROVIDING AND MAILING INFORMATION AND FORMS TO RESIDENTS
OF THE CONSULAR DISTRICT.

SCHEDULE II - NON-IMMIGRANT VISAS (EA/EX, AUSTRALIA, MELBOURNE)

FY-1976 FY-1977 FY-1978 FY-1979

ACTUAL ESTIMATE ESTIMATE ESTIMATE

10/1/75 TO 10/1/76 TO 10/1/77 TO 10/1/78 TO

9/30/76 9/30/77 9/30/78 9/30/79

15. NIVS ISSUED.....41,912 44,000 46,000 48,000

16. NIV SREFUSED..... 45 55 65 75

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17. TOTAL NIV CASES. 41,957 44,055 46,065 48,075

MANHOURS UTILIZED:

AMERICAN OFFICERS:

18. FULL TIME PERMANENT 2080 2200 2400 2600

21. SUB-TOTAL: AMERICAN MAN HOURS THE SAME FIGURE.

LOCAL

22. FULL TIME PERMANENT 5807 6000 6200 6400
25. SUB-TOTAL LOCAL MAN-HOURS THE SAME FIGURE
26. TOTAL NIV MAN-HOURS 7887 8200 8600 9000

27. NIV FEES COLLECTED \$205.75
28. NO BORDER CROSSING CARDS ISSUED
29. CREW LIST VISAS FY-76 31
30. NAMES ON CREW LIST VISAS 976

PCT OF TOTAL NIV CASES REQUIRING:

31. INTERVIEW 5 PERCENT
32. USE OF INTERPRETER .50 PERCENT
33. THIRD COUNTRY CHECK .50 PERCENT

SCHEDULE III-SPECIAL CONSULAR SERVICES(EA/EX, AUSTRALIA, MELBOURNE)

34. AMERICAN CITIZEN DEATHS 32 30 30 30
35. ESTATE/PROPERTY CLAIMS 14 10 10 10
36. NOTARIALS 1404 1450 1500 1550
37. WELFARE/WHEREABOUTS 58 75 100 125
38. ARRESTS 21 30 35 40
39. SEAMEN AND SHIPPING 49 50 50 50
40. OTHER AGENCY SERVICES 3068 3100 3200 3300
41. TOTAL SCS CASES 46
6 4745 4925 5105

MAN-HOURS UTILIZED:

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AMERICAN OFFICERS

42. FULL TIME PERMANENT 981 1100 1200 1300
43. SUB-TOTAL SAME FIGURE

LOCAL

46. FULL TIME PERMANENT 1855 2000 2200 2400
49. SUB-TOTAL LOCAL MAN-HOURS: SAME FIGURE

50. TOTAL SCS MAN-HOURS 2836 3100 3400 3700
51. TREASURY CHECKS FY-76 NONE; DISTRIBUTED BY CONGEN, SYDNEY.

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SCHEDULE IV-CITIZENSHIP AND PASSPORT SERVICES(EA/EX, AUSTRALIA, MELBOURNE)

52. PPT APPLICATIONS EXECUTED	809	900	950	1000
53. PPT APPLICATIONS EXAMINED	305	350	375	400
54. FEE PASSPORTS ISSUED	1127	1250	1275	1300
55. NO-FEE PASSPORTS ISSUED	47	50	50	50
56. PPT'S AMENDED OR EXTENDED	146	150	150	150
57. NEW REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS	346	350	350	350
58. REPORTS OF BIRTH	180	200	200	200
59. WITNESS TO MARRIAGE	NONE			
60. WAIVER OF PASSPORTS	NONE			
61. SUB-TOTAL PASSPORT CASES	2960	3250	3350	3450
62. IDENTIFY CARDS ISSUED	NONE			
63. TOTAL PASSPORTS	2960	3250	3350	3450

MAN-HOURS UTILIZED:

AMERICAN OFFICERS

64. FULL TIME PERMANENT	981	1100	1200	1300
67. SUB-TOTAL AMERICAN MAN-HOURS	IS SAME FIGURE			

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LOCAL

68. FULL TIME PERMANZNT	1855	2000	2200	2400
71. SUB-TOTAL LOCAL MAN HOURS:	SAME FIGURE			
72. TOTAL PPT MAN-HOURS	2836	3100	3400	3700
73. AMERICAN REGISTERED 3/31/77	7926			
AMERICAN CITIZENS RESIDENT:				
74. OFFICIAL	270			

75. NON-OFFICIAL 15,153

SCHEDULE V - CONDITIONS AND JUSTIFICATIONS (EA/EX, AUSTRALIA, MELBOURNE)

IN A RECENT PRESENTATION TO THE DEPT BY EMBASSY CANBERRA, CONGEN MELBOURNE INDICATED THAT IN FUTURE ONE ADDITIONAL AMERICAN CONSULAR AND ONE ADDITIONAL LOCAL CONSULAR POSITION WOULD BE REQUIRED. (THE PROJECTED MAN-HOURS IN THIS PACKAGE TAKE THIS INTO ACCOUNT AND THEREFORE MAY EXCEED THE POSSIBLE NUMBER OF MAN-HOURS AVAILABLE WITH CURRENT STAFF).

THE JUSTIFICATION FOR THESE TWO POSITIONS IS BASED ON TWO FACTORS, THE FIRST OF WHICH, ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS IN THIS CONSULAR PACKAGE, IS NOT SUFFICIENT STANDING BY ITSELF, THAT IS, STRAIGHT LINE PROJECTIONS BASED ON PRIOR YEARS. HOWEVER, GOING BACK OVER THE LAST TEN YEARS THERE HAS, IN FACT, BEEN A PROGRESSIVE INCREASE IN WORK-LOAD CAPABILITY OF THE PRESENTLY AUTHORIZED STAFF. IN LAST YEAR'S CONSULAR PACKAGE, IT WAS STATED THAT AFTER THE BICENTENNIAL AND THE MONTREAL OLYMPICS, VISA ISSUANCE WOULD PROBABLY RETURN TO A CONSTANT PLATEAU FAIRLY APPROXIMATING PRIOR YEARS; THIS HAS NOT HAPPENED. INSTEAD, VISA ISSUANCE IS AHEAD OF LAST YEAR(10,500 FOR JAN-MARCH 1977 COMPARED TO 10,076 FOR SAME PERIOD 1976), WHICH INDICATES THAT THE DECADE-LONG CONSTANT INCREASE IS CONTINUING.

THE SECOND FACTOR, WHICH PROBABLY PARTLY EXPLAINS THE FIRST UNCLASSIFIED

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FACTOR, IS THAT THE COST OF DOMESTIC INTERNAL TRAVEL AND LODGING IN AUSTRALIA HAS REACHED A POINT AT WHICH IT IS CHEAPER FOR AUSTRALIAN TOURISTS TO OBTAIN A PACKAGE TOUR OUTSIDE AUSTRALIA TO THE USA, UK, SINGAPORE, FIJI, ETC, THAN TO SPEND HOLIDAYS IN AUSTRALIAN RESORTS. DOMESTIC AIR FARES ARE EXTREMELY HIGH AND THE RESORT AREAS OF AUSTRALIA HAVE NOT YET CREATED PACKAGE TOURS AS ATTRACTIVE AS THOSE ABROAD. MOREOVER, EVEN A SHORT TRIP ABROAD ALLOWS THE AUSTRALIAN TRAVELLER TO RETURN WITH A MYRIAD OF DUTY-FREE GOODS, ESPECIALLY ELECTRONIC, WHICH, IN EFFECT, RENDERS PART OF THIS TRIP ABROAD AS SUBSIDIZED. ADDITIONALLY, ANOTHER AMERICAN AIRLINE, CONTINENTAL, IS SEEKING PERMISSION TO FLY TO AUSTRALIA, INDICATING THAT THAT CARRIER PERCEIVES A GROWING MARKET HERE IN FUTURE FOR TOURISM TO AMERICA. WE UNDERSTAND ALSO THAT U.S. TRAVEL SERVICE, RECOGNIZING FACT THAT AUSTRALIA IS NOW FIFTH LARGEST SUPPLIER (EXCLUDING CANADA AND MEXICO) OF FOREIGN VISITORS TO USA, IS SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING REOPENING OFFICE IN AUSTRALIA.

IF THIS OCCURS, IT IS EXPECTED TO STIMULATE SIGNIFICANT
INCREASE IN NIV APPLICATIONS.

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THEREFORE, IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE, WITH AUSTRALIAN
WAGES BEING AMONG THE HIGHEST IN THE WORLD, WE BELIEVE
THERE WILL CONTINUE TO BE A CONSTANTLY INCREASING NUMBER
OF AUSTRALIAN SEEKING VISAS FOR THE UNITED STATES,
ESPECIALLY FOR HAWAII AND THE WEST COAST DURING THE
AUSTRALIAN WINTER MONTHS OF JUNE, JULY, AUGUST AND
SEPTEMBER.

(EA/EX, AUSTRALIA, MELBOURNE)

AMERICANS:	VISAS	SCS	PPT	GENERAL	TOTAL
76. AUTHORIZED 6/30/76	1		1	2	
77. AUTHORIZED 3/31/77	1		1	2	
78. FILLED 3/31/77	1		1	2	

INCREASE/DECREASE:

79. REQUIRED FY 1978 1 1/2 (1/2) 1 3
80. REQUIRED FY 1979 NONE IN ADDITION TO FY 78 IF FILLED;
OTHERWISE ITEM 80 SHOULD READ THE
SAME AS ITEM 79.

LOCALS:	VISAS	SCS	PPT	GENERAL	TOTAL
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81. AUTHORIZED 6/30/76 4 1 1 6
82. AUTHORIZED 3/31/77 4 1 1 6
83. FILLED 3/31/77 4 1 1 6

INCREASE:DECREASE:

84. REQUIRED FY 1978 4 1/2 (2 1/2) 7
85. REQUIRED FY 1979 NONE IN ADDITION TO FY 1978 IF FILLED;
OTHERWISE ITEM 85 SHOULD READ THE SAME
AS ITEM 84.

SCHEDULE VI - FEDERAL BENEFITS, FRAUD, ETC
(EA/EX, AUSTRALIA, MELBOURNE)

NO SSA REIMBURSED
HOUSE WORKED BY REGULAR (NONREIMBURSED) CONSULAR EMPLOYEES ON

A. FEDERAL BENEFITS:

AMERIC: 200 (OR ABOUT 25 O/O) LOCAL: 1000 (OR ABOUT 60 O/O)

B. FRAUD INVESTIGATIONS NONE

C. U.S. CITIZENS IN JAIL 3/31/77 NONE

D. 1 NUMBER OF RE-ENTRY PERMIT EXTENSIONS 21

2. NUMBER OF I-151 CARDS SURRENDERED 10

3. I-151 CARD INTERVIEWS - LOST OR STOLEN 2

E. LOSS OF NATIONALITY CASES 6
(INCLUDING RENUNCIATIONS)

F. FOUND PASSPORT CASES PROCESSED NONE

G. CONSULAR AGENT: CONSULAR AGENT ADELAIDE PERFORMS ABOUT
10 O/O FUNCTIONS OF MELBOURNE, ALTHOUGH THIS IS DIFFICULT
ESTIMATE. FOR EXAMPLE, CONSULAR AGENT ALSO PERFORMS
SERVICES FOR CONGEN SYDNEY SUCH AS TAKING OATH ON I-130
PETITIONS. PROTECTION - ONE ARREST AND ONE DEATH DURING
LAST YEAR. AGENT TAKES OATH ON ABOUT 150 PPT APPLICATIONS
A YEAR OR THE EQUIVALENT OF ABOUT 15 O/O OF PPT ISSUANCE.

H. BREAKDOWN OF CONSULAR STAFFING PATTERN IS SAME AS REFLECTED
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IN LATTER PART SCHEDULE V, ITEMS 76 THROUGHOUT 78 AND
81 THROUGH 83. AMERICAN STAFF CONSISTS OF CONSUL, VICE-CONSUL;
LOCAL STAFF CONSISTS OF ONE SCS, ONE PPT AND FOUR VISA(NIV).

I. A. WITH REFERENCE FEDERAL BENEFITS, POST MUST DEVOTE
INORDINATE TIME TO INTERNAL REVENUE MATTERS, SINCE THERE
ARE ABOUT 1400 AMERICAN TEACHERS RESIDENT IN STATE OF VICTORIA
WHO QUALIFY FOR RESIDENCE EXEMPTION. DESPITE FACT THAT THERE
IS RESIDENT IRS OFFICE IN CANBERRA AND TAXPAYER ASSISTANT

MAKES THREE TRIPS ANNUALLY TO MELBOURNE, POST IS PLAGUED WITH REQUESTS

FOR INFORMATION, FORMS, ASSISTANCE THIS ACCOUNTS FOR HIGH
NUMBER OF HOURS DEVOTED TO FEDERAL BENEFITS MATTERS. EARLY
ANNUAL RECEIPT OF IRS FORMS WOULD ALLOW THEIR DISTRIBUTION
TO WARD OFF MULTIPLE INQUIRIES FROM SAME INDIVIDUALS REGARDING
SAME SUBJECT MATTER.
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